greater availability of qualified Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes personnel for teaching posts in these disciplines

2. The issue relating to decision to make reservations either discipline-wise, or subject-wise or department-wise, for implementation of the reservation policy, may be left to each university, depending on their size and situation.

3. Special recruitment drive may be launched to fill the teaching and non-teaching reserved positions and the UGC may be intimated about the steps taken by the University. A copy of advertisement, appearing in the various newspapers, should be sent to the UGC. The posts falling vacant should be frozen to initiate enrolment of the SC/ST teachers and staff.

4. Special drive for the admission of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes may be launched immediately. A copy of the advertisement, appearing in the various newspapers, should be sent to the UGC.

5. All Central Universities and Deemed to be universities may be requested to intimate their plan for implementation of reservation policy for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

6. The Universities may be asked to make suitable amendment in their Acts and Statutes for the implementation of the reservation policy for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

The Central Universities/Deemed to be universities are requested to take necessary action keeping in view the decisions taken by the Commission as enumerated above and action taken report sent to UGC, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(R.P. GANGURDE)
Additional Secretary

Promition of Agricultural Mechanisation

3038. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made schemes for the promotion of agricultural mechanisation among small farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to see that the benefits of the scheme reaches the deserving farmers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Promotion of agricultural mechanisation among Small Farmers' subsidy @30%, limited to Rs. 30,000/- is available to the farmers, groups of farmers, Registered Cooperative Societies, Agricultural Credit Societies, Multi-purpose Agricultural Farming Societies, for the purchase of Small tractors upto 30 Power Take Off Horse Power; along with their matching implements, not exceeding three, in number. The Scheme had been introduced during the year 1992-93 with a Plan allocation of Rs. 34.00 crore. So far, funds to the tune of Rs. 31.468 crore have been released to the States/UTs for subsidising 10489 tractors.

(c) The following steps have been taken to see that the benefits of the Scheme reach the derserving farmers:

(i) 22% of the funds, under the Scheme, have been earmrked for the benefits of the farmers belonging to SC/ST communities;

(ii) safegaurds have been made for maximising the benefits, under the Scheme, to the marginal, small and semi-medium farmers;

(iii) preference is accorded to farmers belonging to the other weaker sections of the society for availing themselves of the financial assistance, under the Scheme;

(iv) the Scheme envisages the setting-up of a Coordination Committee by the States/Uts, under the chairmanship of Secretary (Agriculture) for the implementation, supervision and close monitoring of the Scheme, strictly in accordance with the guidelines formulated for the implementation thereof.

उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार में निरक्षरता दूर किया जाना

3039. **श्री नरेन्द्र मोहन:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार राज्यों में निरक्षरता दूर करने के लिए इन राज्यों को कोई विशेष दिशा-निर्देश जारी किए हैं और यदि हां, तो क्या इस संबंध में कोई विशेष योजनाएं बनाई गई हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार को उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार तथा बिहार सरकार से साक्षरता के संवर्धन हेतु पर्याप्त सहयोग प्राप्त हो रहा है; और

(ग) इन राज्यों में शत-प्रतिशत साक्षरता का लक्ष्य कब तक पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुद्दी राम सैकिया): (क) से (ग) उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार राज्यों को कोई विशेष दिशा-निर्देश जारी नहीं किए गए हैं। इन दोनों राज्यों ने साक्षरता को बढ़ाने के लिए सम्पूर्ण साक्षरता अभियान शुरू किए हैं।

बिहार के 55 जिलों में से 29 जिले सम्पूर्ण साक्षरता अभियान के अन्तर्गत सम्मिलित कर लिए गए हैं। उत्तर प्रदेश के 68 जिलों में से 66 जिले सम्पूर्ण साक्षरता अभियान के अन्तर्गत सम्मिलित कर लिए गए हैं। सम्पूर्ण साक्षरता अभियान शत-प्रतिशत साक्षरता को व्यक्त नहीं करता है चूंकि यह अभियान केवल 15—35 की आयु वर्ग के लोगों को ही सम्मिलित करता है।

Sharing of Fund for Ganga Action Plan

3040. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that when the Ganga Action Plan was launched, it was cent per cent central grant in aid scheme but, in the second phase of its implementation it was decided that the Central allocation would be on the basis of equal proportion of funds by the State Governments;

(b) if so, the basis for reversing the policy for funding the project; and

(c) the overall impact on the implementation of the Ganga Action Plan as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To seek greater involvement and participation of the State Governments, it was decided that the Ganga Action Plan Phase-II would be on the basis of equal sharing of capital cost of works between the Central and the concerned State Governments.

(c) As a result of this measure, it has

Increase in Honorarium of Anganwadi Workers

3041. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Women working in Anganwadis as Workers and Helpers are getting only Rs. 400 and Rs. 200 p.m. respectively as honorarium;

(b) whether Government had assurd to increased their honorarium to a delegation of Trade Unions representing Anganwadi workers;

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken to fulfil the said assurance; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?